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11. SUMMARY: THE RECONSTRUCTION OF IRAQ, GENERAL JAY GARNER'S

VISITS IN IRAQ, AND A CONFLICT BETWEEN ARAFAT AND ABU MAZEN OVER THE FORMATION OF A NEW PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT DOMINATED COVERAGE IN UAE MEDIA. AN "AL KHALEEJ" EDITORIAL NOTED THAT NOT ONLY IRAQ BUT THE WHOLE WORLD MUST BE REBUILT AFTER THE WAR IN IRAQ. AN "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIAL URGED ABU MAZEN AND ARAFAT TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES FOR THE SAKE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. IN "AL KHALEEJ," DR. MOHAMMED EDREES WANTED AN ANSWER TO THE NEED FOR FOUR U.S. MILITARY BASES IN IRAQ. END SUMMARY.

¶2. CLAIMING THAT THE WHOLE WORLD MUST BE REBUILT AFTER THE WAR IN IRAQ, SHARJAH-BASED PAN-ARAB DAILY "AL-KHALEEJ" EDITORIALIZED 4/23:

"... THERE IS A NEED FOR EACH COUNTRY TO RETURN TO ITS SENSES ... WHAT IS REQUESTED NOW IS GOING BACK TO REASON, SENSES, AND RATIONALE. IT WON'T DO THE U.S. GOOD IF THE HEAD OF THE WORLD WAS OK WHILE THE BODY IS PARALYZED, WHICH IS DONE BY PARALYZING THE ROLE OF THE UN AND UNSC (IN THE WORLD) ..."

¶3. COMMENTING ON THE CONFLICT BETWEEN ARAFAT AND ABU MAZEN OVER THE FORMATION OF A NEW PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT, ABU DHABI-BASED SEMI-GOVERNMENT "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIALIZED 4/23:

"... IT IS NOT REASONABLE FOR DEMOCRACY TO OCCUR IN THE MIDST OF OPERATIONS OF KILLING, SIEGE, AND TANK BOMBING, IN ADDITION TO INSISTING ON BUILDING MORE SETTLEMENTS, AND REQUESTING MANY ALTERATIONS TO THE 'ROADMAP.' ... THE PEOPLE AROUND THE PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT INDICATE HE IS WORRIED THAT HE WILL BE ISOLATED FROM POWER AND THAT HE WILL ONLY BECOME A HISTORICAL LEADER FOR THE PALESTINIANS AND HIS AUTHORITY ONLY SYMBOLIC ... WE NEED A POSITIVE INITIATIVE (FROM ABU MAZEN AND ARAFAT) IN ORDER FOR THE 'PIGHEADED' (ISRAEL) TO DROP THEIR WEAPONS AND LOOK FOR PEACE. "

¶4. ALLEGING THE IRAQI PEOPLE WILL NOT SUPPORT GEN. JAY GARNER FOR LONG, DUBAI-BASED BUSINESS-ORIENTED ARABIC DAILY "AL-BAYAN" EDITORIALIZED 4/23:

"... GEN. GARNER AND THE PEOPLE WHO PUT HIM THERE WILL SOON REALIZE THAT THE IRAQI PEOPLE WILL HOLD ON TO THEIR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY RULING SYSTEM THAT IS IMPOSED ON THEM. THE COMING DAYS WILL CONFIRM THIS TRUTH TO GARNER, AND IF HE IS CIVILIZED AND RESPECTABLE, HE WILL BOW IN HONOR TO THE WILL OF THE ARAB PEOPLE, WHO WILL NOT ACCEPT HELPLESSNESS."

¶5. IN A CLOSING STATEMENT, SALIM WROTE IN "AL-KHALEEJ" ON 4/23:

"THE DAILY ISRAELI MASSACRES IN GAZA STRIP AND THE WEST BANK ARE COMMITTED IN THE MIDST OF ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL SILENCE, AND AS A RESULT, THESE MASSACRES ARE BECOMING A ROUTINE THAT NO ONE CARES ABOUT. IT IS AS IF ISRAEL HAS THE RIGHT TO DO WHAT IT WANTS. FROM IRAQ TO PALESTINE... IT IS AS IF ARAB BLOODSHED IS PERMITTED TO AN EXTENT WHERE THERE IS NO DISAPPROVAL WHATSOEVER. SO NOW WE HAVE BECOME A TASTY MORSAL ... WE ARE WAITING FOR THE 'ROADMAP'... BUT WHICH ROAD?"

¶6. UNDER THE HEADLINE, "MILITARY BASES FOR WHO?," DR. MOHAMMED EDREES WROTE IN "AL KHALEEJ" ON 4/23:

"... THE MYSTERY OF THE FOUR (U.S.) MILITARY BASES STILL EXISTS. THESE BASES ARE EITHER TO CONTROL THE IRAQI PEOPLE, TO CONTROL NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, OR TO SUPPORT ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE. DESPITE THIS, THIS ISSUE WAS NOT MENTIONED ON THE AGENDA OF THE RIYADH MEETING (ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS), AT A TIME WHEN ISRAELI GENERALS CONSIDER WHAT THEY ARE DOING TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE PART OF A ROUTINE AND COMPARE IT TO WHAT THEIR 'AMERICAN FRIENDS' ARE DOING IN IRAQ."

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